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TO : Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Attention: Mr. Raymond F. Farrell
FROM : Deputy Director, Plans
SUBJECT: Ana Maria ARTUKOVIC

1. Reference is made to your request, dated 28 September 1953, for derogatory information on the above-named Subject, File Number 1600-58030, and to our memorandum, dated 10 August 1949, on Subject and her husband, Andrija ARTUKOVIC.

2. This office has no information on Ana Maria ARTUKOVIC. A report dated 20 April 1947 from a source of unknown reliability reflects, however, that Subject's husband, Andrija ARTUKOVIC, then residing in Liechtenstein, made a monthly trip to Innsbruck, Austria, to visit his mother-in-law, Maria HEDLER, residing at Silberstrasse 16/II, Innsbruck.

3. In addition to the information on Andrija ARTUKOVIC contained in our memorandum of 10 August 1949, the following data on Andrija ARTUKOVIC, whose extradition from the United States as a war criminal was formally requested by the Yugoslav Government in early May 1951, are forwarded as of possible interest to you. A usually reliable source with contacts among Ustasli in Buenos Aires reported in May 1951 that since the entry of Andrija ARTUKOVIC into the United States in 1949 under an assumed name, the latter maintained constant contact with Ante PAVLIC, former head of the Nazi-sponsored independent state of Croatia, who has resided in Argentina since late 1948. According to source, PAVLIC feared that ARTUKOVIC would be extradited and as of May 1951 had already given instructions that steps be taken in favor of ARTUKOVIC. PAVLIC reportedly planned to write a letter to Reverend Stephen LACKOWIC, residing at 100 Ridge Road, Leichuanza 18, New York, requesting the latter to contact Cardinal SPELLMAN to intercede in ARTUKOVIC's behalf. LACKOWIC was identified as the former secretary of Archbishop Alojzije STEPINAC.

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he reportedly was secretary to Archbishop STEPIĆ during World War II and emigrated to the United States shortly before STEPIĆ's trial as a wartime collaborator with the Ustashi and the Germans. Sources further stated that although LAKOVIĆ did not belong to either the Ustashi or the Croatian Peasant Party, he was anti-Communist and as such would intercede in favor of any Yugoslav to prevent his extradition and judgment by a Communist regime.

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